

Ronald F. Van Winkle

Biography

Ronald F. Van Winkle has been a professional Economist specializing in issues dealing with the Connecticut economy in both the public and private sectors for more than 30 years. Van Winkle is a well-known public speaker on issues affecting the economy of the State of Connecticut, and on issues of public policy at both the State and local levels.

Ron's relationship with the Town of West Hartford began in 1987 when he was hired as the Director of Community Services to oversee the divisions of Planning & Zoning, Building Inspection, Engineering and Capital Improvement Projects. In 2008 he was appointed West Hartford's Town Manager.

Prior to joining the Town of West Hartford, Van Winkle was a self-employed consultant in economics and public policy analysis for eight years with a diversified client base in government and private industry. In 1983-84, he served on the Governor's Infrastructure Task Force and was responsible for a research project on infrastructure reinvestment.

Prior to consulting, he was the Director of Planning for the State of Connecticut Department of Economic Development where he received a citation from the Connecticut Legislature for his work on the State's enterprise zone legislation. Before joining the public sector, Van Winkle worked as an econometrician for the United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division.

Van Winkle has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Finance from the University of South Florida where he received the Dean's Award for his contributions to the School of Business. His Master's Degree was earned at Northeastern University in the field of Economic Development, where he was a Northeastern Fellow. He studied for his Ph.D. at Boston College where he achieved candidacy in the field of econometrics and fiscal policy.

In 2002 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Hartford, Construction Institute. In 2003, he was named Forecaster of the Year by the Connecticut Business Economists Association. In 2007 he was named Public Sector Executive of the Year by the *Hartford Business Journal*. In addition, he has been a visiting lecturer at the School of Economics and Public Policy, Trinity College and is a member of Sovereign Bank's Connecticut Advisory Board.

Van Winkle is Past President and on the Board of the Hartford Area Business Economists Association. He is Past-President of the Board of Trustees of the Montessori School of Greater Hartford and Past-Chair of the Advisory Board to the State Worker's Compensation Commission. He is a member of the Board of Corporators/Directors and on the Executive Committee of the American School for the Deaf, and Secretary of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Supervisory Committee of the Capitol Region Federal Credit Union.

Van Winkle has been a life-long resident of Connecticut and resides in West Hartford with his wife Ruth. He has two sons, Matthew and Daniel.